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WEAR FLOWERS IN YOUR HAIR NEXT JULY!

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Our recent reunion here in

Vegas was a success; and there are so many people I would like to thank for their help and support. But of course, the most important are the attendees, for

without them, it would not have been a success. Everybody almost enjoyed the reunion; the feedbacks were great and they said they enjoyed the food, the band and the place and that they do not have to walk far from their room to the convention area.

Let me thank the people behind the curtain like Bernie who got us our beautiful Las Vegas girls and Mariachi band, Dr Pete Floresco who took care of the registration together with



MELINDA A FABITO MD⁶⁵
Alumnus of Year 2015

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PRESIDENT'S Message

The Caesar's Palace Las Vegas served as the perfect backdrop for the 36th annual reunion and scientific convention July 8-11, 2015, which attracted over 300 alumni

and guests. It was a huge success in all its functions.

The welcome reception was attended by some 180 alumni and guests, dressed in Latin costumes, hosted by two lovely Las Vegas showgirls, dined and danced with Latin foods and music.

The three-day continuing medical education was well attended by 160 registrants; and about half non-registrants filled the conference room. The speakers received rave reviews for their relevant and updated topics and mastery of the subject especially the memorial speakers.

The general membership luncheon was enlightening and

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FROM THE HOME FRONT

LINDA D TAMESIS MD⁸⁵

Dean, FEU-NRMF SM
During the FEUDNRSM

Alumni Foundation, general membership luncheon meeting on July 9th, I gave a FEU-NRMF report at the 36th annual reunion. I was disappointed because the audience was so small and there was no projector for my slides. I have sent a copy of this report

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LINDA D
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FAITH CORNER

REV MELVIN ANTONIO MD⁶⁵

The three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, tell the story of an encounter between Jesus and a demon possessed man, and how Jesus gets rid of those demons

(Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5: 1-7; Luke 8:26-37). Demon possession and exorcism are not particularly popular subjects to talk about.



REV MELVIN
ANTONIO MD

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I am the BBL

(Bangsamoro Basic Law)
NAPOLEON ABANDO MD⁶⁸
I was conceived by the

Jabidah Massacre of 1968. I was adopted by different groups with similar persuasions from the original MIM (Muslim Independent Movement), then

MNLF (Muslim National Liberation Front), followed by the present MILF (Muslim Independent Front).

I am now 17 years of unending difficult interrupted negotiations. I entrusted my fate to men and women amidst the untrustworthiness and broken promises of my government. I have seen and survived many trickery and skullduggery.

My Moro problem spanned into six presidencies, survived multiple wars and endless negotiations. I saw brutality and inhumanity suffered by my people in all corners of my eyes.

I smelled death at the tip of my nose. I buried countless babies, embraced grieving mothers and cried to the last drop with orphaned and lost children.

I buried 150,000 of my neighbors who died mercilessly trying to depend my family, our way of life and our land.

In a short time, P170,000,000,000 was spent on me uselessly. They say I retarded the development of my resources and displaced at least 350,000 of my own people.

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MY TAKE

Muslim and the Philippines

ANTONIO Q CHAN MD

I see serious Christian



ANTONIO Q
CHAN MD

Muslim conflicts in the next 10-20 years that could bring civil war from Mindanao to Metro Manila and entire Luzon in 20-30 years. The conflagration would spread from south to north.

This is the undoing of Pilipino liberals and shortsighted politicians who forget their Catholic heritage, only want to cater for votes, and hence have sold the very soul of the Pilipinos and Catholic Philippines.

To create *Bansangmoro* is to secede as independent Muslim State. Translation:

Bansangmoro meant *Muslim State*. Muslims would not be satisfied with a large piece of Mindanao... but would like to have the Visayas and Luzon as well. Why not? President Benigno Aquino has capitulated. Why not take the whole loaf of bread instead of slice of it? The allegiance of Muslims is not to the Philippine flag and Jesus Christ; but to Mecca, Allah, Saudi Arabia, *et al.*

Philippines has no Lee Kuan Yew who held Singapore of all faiths together (Christians, Muslims, and Hindus), although Lee himself was agnostic to the very end. Lee was pragmatic and visionary, ruled as

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BANGSAMORO BASIC LAW II

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FCAP Emeritus

As of May 24, 2015, the 75-member House Ad Hoc committee on the Bangsamoro Law (BBL) has approved the bill. According to reports, those who voted Yes, were promised P50 million in budgetary pork for the sake of peace in Mindanao.



CESAR D
CANDARI MD

Congressmen changed their opposition overnight! My question is this fair or foul? A malevolent obsession by the President?

I could be wrong, the BBL, if and when it comes to pass, will not bring peace to Mindanao. Too many stakeholders were left out in the process. It can also lead to the dismemberment of the Republic. The Bangsamoro will be like an independent country including its own Bureau of Internal Review, Commission on Audit, Customs Service, its own police force and military command, etc. I guess all paid for by the Philippine government.

The media coverage are not so clear to the 100 million Pilipino people regarding the budgetary impact and *block grants* of billions of Pilipino people's money to support the autonomous government in Mindanao.

With regards to the required plebiscite after the BBL is passed, *continue to page 18*

THE IDEAL GOVERNMENT

A Perspective

ALADIN MARIANO MD⁷²

Throughout history, this search is on-going.

From the narrative in Genesis, Adam and Eve did not subject themselves to a theocratic government by disobeying God, and were subsequently driven out of the *government in the garden of Eden*. Nimrod (the rebel), in a way, wanted to substitute his autocratic reach to the heavens (**Genesis 11:1-9**) through the Tower of Babel to make a *name for themselves*.

Saul, David, Solomon, etc, also had a government that appeared to be aligned with God's government. Yet, even these biblical patriarchs, supposed to be chosen by God, had a fleeting loyalty to him and *their kingdoms* succumbed. And throughout history, men of high esteem had leadership and moral compass yet were not durable nor lasting.

The Egyptian and Assyrian empires did not last. From the successive Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greco-Macedonian and Roman Empires, the common denominator they all shared is disintegration and short life span. The 15th through the 20th century saw the demise of Spain, France, Germany and England as a world power. In WW II, Germany attempted to dominate Europe and even

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MARIANO MD

OUR TOUR OF MARIAN SHRINES

RICK F DELEON MD⁶⁴

There were 45 of us in the tour. Two couples came to San Francisco from the Philippines to join the group. The rest were from the Bay Area and the East Coast.



RICK
DE LEON MD

We were accompanied by three priests who officiated the mass celebrations alternately: Father Frances, a Myanmar priest from the Bay Area; Father Clark, a retired priest from Philadelphia, and Monsignor Fred Bitanga, retired priest from the archdiocese of San Francisco, who organized this 12-day tour.

Tuesday. From San Francisco International Airport We arrived in Lisbon, Portugal. We heard a mass at the birthplace of St Anthony of Padua, followed by panoramic tour of the city. We then proceeded to Fatima; and following dinner, we participated in the evening's candlelight processions. We stayed overnight in Fatima.

Wednesday. We had a morning sightseeing tour in Fatima, where in 1917, Mary appeared to local children and the *miracle of the sun* occurred. We celebrated mass at the Basilica of Our Lady, followed by a visit to the House of Lucia and House of Francisco and Jacinto in the afternoon.

We had free time to explore the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine.

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TENDERLY YOURS

NOLI C GUINIGUNDO MD⁶²

The recently concluded 36th annual alumni homecoming is a definite success. I stand corrected if I say, my first time to see Emerald Jubilarians. Ding and I practically most of them. Again our congratulations for reaching this point in their lives.



NOLI
GUINIGUNDO MD

For a change we got sheltered at the Caesar's Palace. The place is quite enormous. From the airport, a taxi took us to Caesar's. As usual the taxi driver did his cheat by going through the highway instead of the shortcut through Russell Street. I called his attention that we are going the long way and he stopped his meter right away. The driver going to the Airport did the same thing but unable to report him unlike the trip to Caesar's. How come the police do not want to do something about this. Our Las Vegas colleagues should warn us by this constant problem. Again, dear Las Vegas alumni, help your fellow by reminding them about this constant taxi driver problem.

One small personal item that I have noticed is the absence of complimentary drinking water. For a hotel of this stature, water should not have been withheld and there is no excuse for this important item. Getting a boarding pass through the concierge is worth \$5. Even the lowly hotels will do this for

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MY ALL AMERICAN GRANDDAUGHTER

RUDY BACOLOR MD⁶³

Sarah Corbe is the daughter of Irene and Mark Corbe and granddaughter of Rae Bacolor and Rudy Bacolor MD⁶³.

She graduated from St

Joseph High School in St Joseph MI last June with honors among 235 seniors. Her unweighted grade point average is 3.94 and her weighted point average is 4.21.

(Students who get higher than 4.0 for doing well in advance placement or honor level classes due to level of difficulty.)

Sarah is a member of the National Honor Society, senior class vice president, member of the SJHS robotic team, four-year varsity letter winner cross country, and four-year varsity letter winner soccer.

She is the recipient of the



Dr Rudy Bacolor, Sarah Corbe and Rae Bacolor, from left.

Rae and Ted Stone Award (established in 1975 for senior female athlete who exemplifies the finest qualities of athletics and academic achievement at St Joseph High School.

She is enrolling next month at the School of Engineering of the University of Michigan this Fall school year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have decided to accept a temporary assignment to work in an Indian reservation in Fort Defiance Indian Hospital AZ. I was not surprised to find that there are several Pilipino nurses in house and that they are as usual, very well regarded.

To me that is a given, but I was surprised when I went to Grand Canyon, a four hour drive from where we are staying, that the general stores, cafeterias, and the lodges were all mostly staffed by *on the Job training* college students from the Philippines.

I am very proud to say that the coed with me is Ariane Antonio, an FEU student and who informed me that some of them were already offered a job to come back.

Another student was awarded Employee of the Month and was promised a job waiting for her if she decides to come back.

Dr Philip Chua was correct in saying and I concur, *what would happen if all the*

Pilipinos all over the world decide to go on strike?

The two surgeons with me are a Navajo native and a Vietnamese American. I find it very rewarding working with them and helping these proud and very patriotic native Americans.

I am sure you have read the Navajo code talkers, who helped defeat the Japanese during World War II, as well as help in the liberation of the Philippines.

Congratulations on our Golden Jubilarians!

All the Best,
FERNANDO ANGELES MD⁶³

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for finding a space to print my pep talk to my granddaughter's St Joseph MI High School graduating class. As a person I am an introvert and my verbal communication skill is much to be desired. I am more comfortable writing my thoughts and you have helped me compensate for my dysfunction.



RUDY BACOLOR MD

I am happy to inform you that my granddaughter, Sarah is going to the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan, following the footsteps of her parents as for choice for her college education.

I also want to express my gratitude for Dr Cesar Candari's essay on *The Philippines Independence*.

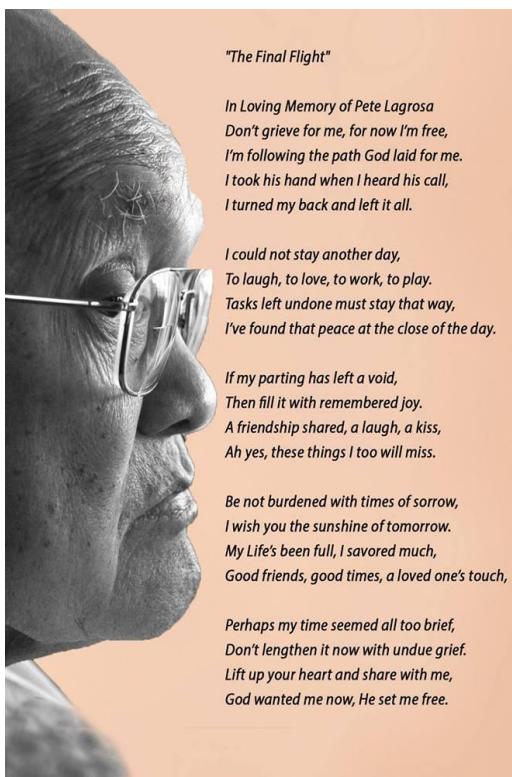
RUDY BACOLOR MD⁶³



Class⁸⁵ Filipiniana Night group picture, led by Dean Linda Tamesis MD who holds the FEU color banner



Class⁶⁵ Golden Jubilarians' medallion close up



A poem honoring the late
Pete Lagrosa MD⁶³

JULY IMAGES



A picture highlighted by Golden Jubilarians Dr Rose Hipol (second to the left) and Pete Arriola (second to the right)



Golden Jubilarian flamenco ladies



Jewel lovers on the prowl during a break



2015 Golden Jubilarians in their best



The while hatted Cesar Candari MD with other FEU revelers during the welcome reception



Divinagracia Averilla Obena MD⁸⁵ is shown with the welcoming mariachi band.



Class⁷² at the Welcome reception



Noli Guinigundo MD⁶¹, Ding Gunigundo MD, Farida Chua MD⁶¹, and Philip Chua MD⁶¹



The table anchored by the Reverend Melvin Antonio MD⁶⁵



Alumni from New York, Illinois, and California



Sisters can also be lovers of jewelry



The Las Vegas Choir, complemented by Illinois singers, is conducted by Dr Divina A Obena (left).



Lecturers all, from left, Arturo Fogata MD⁶⁷, David Villanueva MD⁷², Rev M Antonio MD⁶⁵, Rolly Casis MD⁶⁵ and Daniel E Fabito Jr MD



Dr C V Reyes with the CPC discussant and lecturer Herminigildo Valle MD⁸⁵ and (second frame) with the 1st annual Ricardo Alfonso MD memorial lecturer Aladin Mariano MD⁷², flanked by FEUDNRSMAF Alumni president Manuel Malicay MD⁷²



Richard Silverman MD⁸⁶ of the University of Miami spoke on ICU patients with ventricular assist devices



A guest speaker Antonio Q Chan MD covered a very interesting topic of sleep cardiology



Ben Yangco MD⁷⁰, alumnus neurologist and Ed Relucio MD⁶⁴ query Dr Antonio Q Chan on sleep cardiology.



More jewelry shoppers



The main audience of the scientific meeting.



The larger image of audience of the scientific meeting.

CLINICAL IMAGES

POST-BIOPSY BREAST RADIAL SCAR

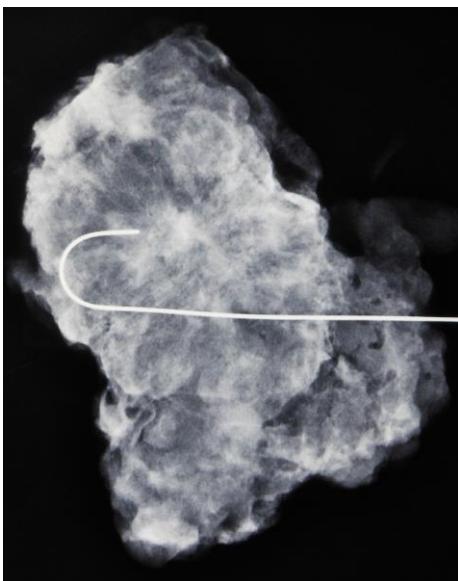


Figure 1 – A stellate density is seen in the center of the lumpectomy tissue, at the end of the needle wire marker.

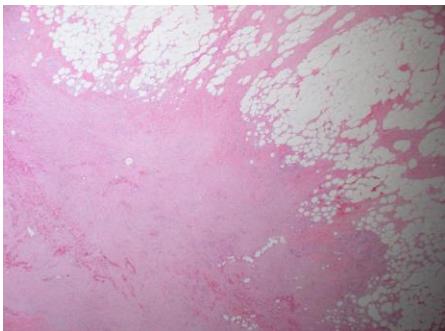


Figure 2 – The core of the radial scar at the left lower corner of the frame; while the radiating benign reactive stromal and glandular proliferation is at right and upper corner (HE stain, 100)

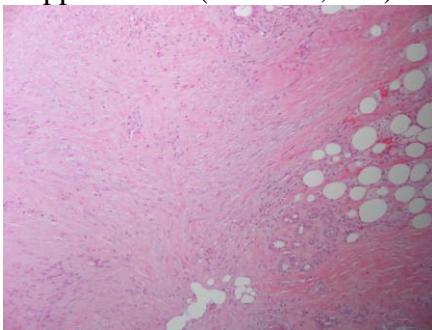


Figure 3 – High power magnification emphasizes the above findings (HE stain, 200x).

These **IMAGES** are from a 48-year old woman, without other health issues, whose routine mammogram and ultrasound revealed in the left breast at 1:00 location, clustered microcalcifications of low suspicion.

Subsequent stereotatic-guided vacuum-assisted core needle biopsy of the lesion affirmed the presence of scattered microcalcifications in a fibrocystic breast changes.

Follow-up mammogram and ultrasound shortly showed a radial scar density (**Figure 1**) at the post-biopsy site. Because of the concern that a radial scar might be cancerous, a lumpectomy following imaged wire-localization was performed.

Microscopic evaluation of the excised breast tissue confirmed the diagnosis of radical scar, characterized by a stellate fibroelastic core with radiating expansion, around which arose normal and reactive ducts and lobular proliferation (**Figure 2** and **Figure 3**). There was no atypical ductal hyperplasia, dysplasia, or malignancy; and the lumpectomy margins were free of abnormalities.

COMMENTS and LITERATURE REVIEW.

About six out of every 15,000 women are diagnosed annually with a radial scar of the breast. The age of the women ranges from 40 to 60, who are at the highest risk for a radial scar.

Radial scar is a rare complex breast lesion that is often classified as benign. However, up to 40% of cases

are associated with an underlying malignancy.

Percutaneous fine-needle aspiration cytology and ultrasound- or stereotactic-guided vacuum-assisted core-needle biopsy usually underestimates malignancy in 8% to 9% of radial scar with underestimation of malignancy in 5%, respectively.

Radial scar with and that without associated malignancy unfortunately do not differ significantly in mammographic and sonographic features.

In one series of 225 women with subsequent breast cancer and 1141 controls, benign lesions of non-proliferative, proliferative without atypia, or atypical hyperplasia, radial scars are observed in 99 patients, or 7% of cases. Radial scar is grouped with intraductal papillomas, sclerosing adenosis, fibroadenomas and moderate to severe ductal hyperplasia.

Microscopy can further classified by size of the radial scar, the presence or absence of atypia, and the number of radial scars.

With a median follow-up of 12 years after the benign: Six of the 67 lesions (9%) are associated with malignant features. Of the six malignant lesions, two are low-grade ductal carcinoma-in-situ, two intermediate-grade DCIS, one invasive ductal carcinoma and another one metaplastic carcinoma.

The patients range in age from 35 to 69 years. The average size of the identified radial scar is 1.42 cm.

Radial scar is a benign lesion with mammographic and sonographic features that can mimic carcinoma. It is the imaging manifestation of an idiopathic scarring process that is unrelated to trauma or surgery.

If the lesion is >1.0 cm, it is described as complex sclerosing lesion.

Historically, radial scar is most often discovered as incidental microscopic finding, but the common use of screening mammography has led to increased imaging detection of these lesions.

The commonly associated hyperplastic conditions such as atypia, adenosis, and papillomatosis have prompted the suggestion that radial scar represents an early stage in the development of invasive carcinoma.

The varying results of these studies reflect the ongoing debate regarding management of these lesions. The recommendation is surgical excision.

CONCLUSION. Radial scar is often found when a breast biopsy is done for some other purpose. Radial scar may distort the normal breast tissue, and is not really scar, but is called as such because it looks like a scar when seen under a microscope.

The lesion does not usually cause symptoms, but it is significant because if it is large enough, they may look like cancer on imaging, or even on a biopsy. It is usually associated with 8-9% increase in risk of developing breast cancer.

Radial scar has to be surgically excised and closely evaluated by the pathologist.

A list of **REFERENCES** is available upon request.

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RECENT ALUMNUS PUBLICATION

*Is Primary *Mycobacterium avium Complex* Prophylaxis Necessary in Patients with CD4 <50 Cells/IL Who Are Virologically Suppressed on cART?*

Bienvenido G Yangco MD



BIENVENIDO YANGCO MD

MPH, et al and the HIV Outpatient Study Investigators AIDS PATIENT CARE and STDs 2014; 28(6).

Abstract We analyzed 369 patients with no prior *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) infection and CD4 <50 cells/ IL (baseline), while on combination antiretroviral therapy(cART), for incidence rates of primary MAC infection during the 6 months after baseline, by prophylaxis status.

Of participants (median age, 40 years old), most were male (81%) and about half were non-white; at baseline, 81% of participants were on cART >60 days and 19% had HIV RNA <1000 copies/mL, whereas 65% had HIV RNA >10,000 copies/mL.

Eleven patients had MAC infection within 6 months baseline (rate=0.6/100 person months): 4/175 on MAC

prophylaxis vs. 7/194, no MAC prophylaxis (p=0.64).

Of the 11 patients, seven had HIV RNA >10,000, and three >1000–9999 copies/mL at baseline (one missing).

Median time to MAC infection was 62 days (IQR 43–126, maximum 139 days). No MAC infection occurred among 71 (19%) patients virologically suppressed (HIV RNA <1000 copies/mL) at baseline, including 41 patients with no MAC prophylaxis during follow-up.

A small number of eligible virologically suppressed participants and the lack of data on cART/MAC prophylaxis adherence limited our observational nonrandomized study.

Primary MAC prophylaxis may not be required for cART-virologically suppressed patients with CD4 <50 cells/mL.

OUR TOUR OF MARIAN SHRINES

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Following dinner, we again participated in the evening procession despite some rain showers.

Thursday. We left Fatima early morning to Avila, Spain, the Home of St Teresa and the place where she died in 1582.

Avila is perhaps the best preserved walled city in the world and the home of St Teresa who with her spiritual



RICK DE LEON MD

director S. John of the Cross, reformed the Carmelite order.

We visited the Carmelite Monastery and celebrated mass at this place. We also visited the cell where St Teresa live and saw relic of saint and St John of the Cross.

We had our dinner and overnight stay at Avila.

Friday. We travelled for Madrid. At Spain's capital city, we visited and celebrated a mass at the Almudena Cathedral.

A free time for shopping at the Plaza Mayor, and later more we had sightseeing adventure. We continued to Zaragoza for dinner and overnight stay.

Saturday. We visited had a mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the place where Mary appeared to apostle James before her assumption into heaven.

We continued on to Lourdes, France, where in 1855, Mary appeared to a young Bernadette Soubirous. A walk to the grotto and introduction to the shrine followed. We participated in the evening's candlelight procession in rain shower as one of the highlights of our stay in Lourdes.

Sunday. A walking tour of Lourdes and visit to the places important in the life of Saint Bernadette, including the water spring where Mother Mary appeared to her on numerous times. We said the Rosary at the Basilica and nearby healing baths where many pilgrims submerge themselves for its healing properties.

Likewise, we visited the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, or Upper Basilica, where our mass was celebrated.

Then we navigated to see the Basilica of Pius X, which is now Saint Bernadette's home.

For a free afternoon for personal exploration, we returned to the healing baths, and walked by the Stations of the Cross.

We similarly participated the evening's candlelight procession.

Monday.

From Lourdes, we proceeded to Bordeaux where we had a walking tour of the vibrant city, experienced with thousands of people the magnificent landscapes and architectural wonders.

Later, we passed by the Cathedral of St Andre, where we had celebrated a mass.



Inside Benedictine Abbey at Mont St Michel, Northern France

Following mass, we left for the City of Tours.

Second Tuesday. We explored the City of Tours, celebrated a mass at the Basilica of St Martin. Then we



Best preserved Roman Catholic church in Paris: Madeline Church

proceeded to the beaches of Normandy on Veteran's Day. We saw Omaha and Utah Beaches where the Allied Forces landed, marking the victory point of World War II.

We also visited the huge St Laurent Cemetery with its seeming endless sea of crosses. We then drove to Mont St Michel for dinner and overnight stay.

Second Wednesday. The celebrated Benedictine Abbey on a rocky cone shaped island in North Western France connected by a causeway with the mainland highlights Mont St Michel. Founded on 708, the Abbey resisted the assaults by the English invaders during the Hundred Year's war. Its small houses and shops of the 13th century are considered outstanding examples of Gothic architecture.

Following a mass at the Abbey church, our groups proceeded to the famous city of light and Eiffel Tower, Paris. We had an evening motor coach tour. We saw the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees, and most of the landmarks of Paris.

Second Thursday. We celebrated mass at the beautiful Madeline Church in Paris, before visiting the world famous Louvre Museum. We had ample times browsing the beautiful collection of arts and paintings, including the ever-smiling Mona Lisa.

We spent in the afternoon at the Cathedral of Notre Dame which is located at the banks of the Seine --- on the site of an early Christian Basilica that had in turn been built on the site of a temple during Roman era. Here we saw the gallery of kings, its Rose window and many chapels.

Finally, we enjoyed a cruise on the River Seine in the evening, and enjoyed varied colors of light in Parisian ambience.

Second Friday. We went to Rue De Bal, the Shrine of the miraculous medal where St

Catherine Laboure received her apparitions of Mary. There we saw the incorrupt body of St Catherine as well as the body of St Louise de Marillac who founded the Daughters of Charity with St Vincent De Paul. We had a mass at this place.

We proceeded to the nearby St Vincent De Paul Shrine where the Saint's uncorrupt body is entombed.

In the afternoon, we headed to the Mont Marte districts, the *artists quarters of Paris*, where Romanesque and Byzantine *Sacres Coeur* Basilica on top of Mont Matre Hill can be appreciated at close. While at the Basilica, we explored many wonderful sculptures, paintings and mosaics and the shoppers amongst us.

We also had ample good time collecting souvenirs at the beautiful mall of Mont Matre Hill.

We had a special farewell dinner which everybody enjoyed at a local restaurant --- a place and time exchanging pleasantries and wonderful experiences of our brief but meaningful pilgrimage.

Final Saturday. After breakfast, we transferred to the airport for our return flight home.

Though our pilgrimage had come to an end, the blessing of our encounters with Lord, our Lady and several Saints, certainly would strengthen us throughout the rest of our life pilgrimage.



Cathedral of Notre Dame at the River Siene

THE IDEAL GOVERNMENT

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Russia. While in the Asian continent, Japan tried to sell a

propaganda of Greater Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.

All over-extended themselves and failed. Coming out of the ashes of WW II,

the League of Nations did not see the *light of day* and was replaced with the United Nations. Will the latter

succeed? In Europe, the European Economic Community (EEC/ Common Market) was originally established as an economic integration by the Treaty of Rome in 1957, became

European Community (EC) in 1993 by Maastricht Treaty, and eventually transformed into more than economic alliance,

the European Union (EU) by the Treaty of Lisbon in 2009.

In the Middle East, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria/ Levant (ISIS/ ISIL), came into being and is a threat to global peace. Will these human geopolitical collaborations for dominance succeed or end much like the Tower of Babel

and the *image of Nebuchadnezzar* that will *break in pieces* as prophesied in Daniel 2?

Now remains the USA as an undisputed world power with the US\$ as *reserve currency*, money held to pay international debts, since 1944 Bretton Woods agreement setting exchange rate of 1oz of gold to US\$35. Yet, in spite of this currency advantage



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over other countries, fiscal and monetary policies to address mandatory and discretionary demands took the US to an unprecedented \$18,000,000,000,000 debt and social programs like Social Security, Medicare/ Medicaid to an unsustainable trajectory. Is the USA over-extending itself, like others historically, to suffer through this vicious cycle towards oblivion? With additional socio-political unrest, racial division, illegal immigration within an atmosphere of terrorism and wars in multiple fronts, it becomes questionable whether the best form of government, a Constitutional Republic, will also be *transitory*.

These successive events should make one wonder. Did God really plan for us to have the best form of *human government* (*aka* human kingdom) as the ultimate in governance? Are there indications that point otherwise? Are humans, in their present composition, the *pinnacle of creation* or just *an image or likeness of him*, perfect yet temporary? What role are humans destined to play in *world government*? It may take a suspension of disbelief, for one to reconsider traditional teaching of biblical verses written millennia ago.

Consider that governance started off in the Genesis account, as a *theocracy* and not a democracy, not even a Constitutional Republic. One may argue that a supreme and powerful leader, answerable to no one, maybe the answer. Yet, history belies that even a benevolent king, or a

charismatic dictator could be the answer. There is still something missing in a human leader. Undoubtedly, God is the best leader. But, why did it not work with Adam and Eve? After all, did not God have the power for theocracy to work by force at the garden of Eden? Puzzling indeed!

But is it really an enigma wrapped in mystery? It is clear that God did not use force for compliance and man's *free will* prevailed at the garden of Eden.

But why did Adam's disobedience occurred? Could that have been prevented or was that a *given* and expected by the Creator? Could the reason be that man himself, his nature, when and how he was originally and purposely created, was perfect yet temporary? After all, the omnipotent and omniscient God knows the limits of his creation.

Going back to the narrative in Genesis about the creation of man, may help answer this question. **Genesis 2:7** states that he was formed from the *dust of the ground*, meaning that his composition was *material*, not spiritual.

Continuing the verse, Adam was not alive when created from dust, but became alive only when the *breath of life* was breathed into him by God. Therefore a *living person* is now composed of *dust + breath of life* to become a *living soul*.

The *dust* is the material part of man but what about the *breath of life*? Is this like the *air* we breathe? Remember, that without this *breath of life* the dust-body has no life, ie, dead. In **James 2:26**, the *body apart from the spirit is*

dead, suggesting that this *breath of life* is the *spirit of man*, therefore *spiritual* and given by a spiritual God. This *breath of life* is not the material gasses that we breathe like oxygen, nitrogen, etc. Rather, it could be a God-given *component* of man that *initiates life*, the spiritual component that *energizes* all human functions, like breathing, heart pumping, thinking, moving, feeling, etc.

A living man or a *living soul* is thereby of *material and spirit components*, the body which is material and the spirit (breath of life) which is spiritual.

Zechariah 12:1 attests that God formed this spirit in man. This spirit in man imprints the memory of everything one experienced through the five senses (**1 Corinthians 2:11**).

Death of man happens when this *breath of life*, this spirit of man, leaves the body. The two can be divided (**Hebrews 4:12**); *the soul that sins, it shall die* (**Ezekiel 18:20**). Also, **Ecclesiastes 12:7** explains that when man dies, *Then the dust (our body) will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit (breath of life) will return to God who gave it*.

Having thus stated, and that while man was created *perfectly* like God's image (**Genesis 1:27**), it was nevertheless created only from *matter* (dust) and therefore *weak*. Notice what Jesus said, *truly, the spirit (of man) is willing but the flesh is weak...*" (**Matthew 26:40-43**). Not only is man *weak* (the body), but also only *a temporary dwelling*.

Remember that the *tabernacle* in the Old Testament is a *temporary dwelling* of God.

Read through **Exodus 35-40** about the tabernacle of God. See also the temple during Solomon's time (**1 Kings 8:11-12**), the Temple rebuilt under Zerubbabel (**Ezra 3:12; 6:15, 16**). By Jesus' time, the Temple had become a den of thieves. In A D 70, the Roman General Titus destroyed Herod's Temple.

The message in all of these is God showing that these tabernacle and temples are *temporary dwelling* of God. But notice that these temples are merely *types* of us and we are the actual temples that God planned to dwell in.

Read **Acts 17:24**, *God who made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of Heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.* Also, **Acts 7:48**, *the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands*". But it was prophesied that God, through the Holy Spirit will dwell in us.

Read *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit* (**Matthew 3:11**); and *you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit* (**Acts 2:38**); [See also **Acts 5:32; James 4:5; Romans 5:5; Ephesians 5:18.**]

Essentially, man needs another component that was already planned by God from the beginning to imbue in us to assist the *weak flesh*, to be *strong* to overcome evil. *What is man that God is mindful of him?*", so asked David in **Psalm 8:4-6** and repeated by Paul in **Hebrews 2:6**. God, as a Potter, has desired to work on his *clay* again as in **Jeremiah 18:4**, with the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit. Clearly, God desired to dwell in us, the temple not

made by human hands, through his Spirit. This Spirit will again *energize and empower our weak flesh* by working with and guiding the *spirit of man* (breath of life) which was already given before.

The Holy Spirit teaches that one must believe (**Hebrew 11:6**), repent (**Acts 2:38**), and be baptized for the remission of sins (**Mark 16:16**). Also, the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit in us, will *seal, sanctify, guide, teach, and give us power* to have the *mind of Christ* (**Romans 12:2; Philipians 2:5-11; 2 Timothy 1:7**) and be *conformed in the likeness of his Son Jesus* (**Romans 8:29**). Yes, we shall be like *his Son*" (**I John 3:2-3**), different from each other and unique, yet *one* with Jesus (**I Corinthias 12:12; Romans 12:4**), as we will be *one* with the Father.

God has a timetable and a purpose for man. And that purpose is for the *Spirit of God* to dwell in us, the temple (**I Corinthians 3:16**). The spirit of man with the Spirit of God. In fact, Jesus died and resurrected, for us to receive this Holy Spirit of God. See **John 16:17**, *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.* Also, *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you* (**John 14:26**).

In summary, all human governments will fail. This has never been the plan of Almighty God who knows what is best.

In taking the Genesis creation of man into consideration, God has initially created an *image and likeness of Lord God (YHVH ELOHIM)*. This *image* however was temporary, just a *temple or template* and therefore *weak*.

As presently composed, man cannot govern *self*, much less govern others with consistency of goodness. The *missing link* is for the Holy Spirit to in-dwell and proven after first in-dwelling in Jesus at the river Jordan.

Eventually, God planned for mankind not to stay as *an image* only and not to stay *weak*. Instead, we will be *empowered* like him in spirit-body, *put on immortality, one with him* as the *future world* will not be subjected again to angels but to us (**Hebews 2:5**). As in **I Corinthinas 2:12** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God* (the Father). Also, **Ephesians 2:22** ..*buildt together for an habitation of God(Father) through the Spirit.*

After creating the universe, plant and animal kingdoms, however with man, God is not creating a *human kingdom*, but a *God-kingdom*, all with immortal bodies, with Jesus as the Head and us with him as one. At the end of time, the Father will be over all and in all.

This world government will be a *theocracy*, a God-kingdom. Humans will have a role but only after having been transformed by the Holy Spirit working with the *spirit of man*, and be *one* with Christ, in an *immortal* state (not physical), at resurrection, with immortal

bodies as God. He that has *eyes to see and ears to hear*, may he be blessed to recover from blindness and deafness.

TENDERLY YOURS

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free. Five bucks would not

break any one's pocket, but for goodness' sake, have mercy. Just let Delta make money in collecting fees for your luggage, unless you are elite

status.

We have excellent continuing medical education speakers and presenters, one thing we really should be proud of. I must complement Cesar V Reyes for the excellent choices.

The three affairs, welcoming ceremony, Filipiniana, and Saturday grand ball were excellent, and thanks to the Fabito Tandem, the Obena Tandem, and the rest of the members of the Las Vegas team, too numerous to mention.

Thanks to you all. Thank you for the presence of Father Joey, of *Kamay ni Hesus*. We did not have time to talk to him, since Ding knew her father from Lucban.

Manny Malicay was right in saying that the place is convenient and close to each other. From your floor, it is several floors below and you are at the CME meetings and to the three main functions.

It was disappointing on the general membership luncheonmeeting since it was



NOLI
GUINIGUNDO MD

not well attended. We have done different things for the general membership to attend this important meeting. After all it was the request of the general membership to hold this prior to the board trustees' meeting so whatever had transpired here can be further discussed during the board meeting. If this continues then something should be done about it. This is board decision.

Dean Linda Tamesis had always done good work during our board trustee meeting and also during the membership meeting. Congratulations to her!

We appreciate Atty Antonio Abad's most wanted legal advice, and also thank you for your speech on Saturday night, for remembering me and Nany Tansuche.

All in all, it was a definite successful grand reunion, missed the Sunday mass and Father Joey, on account of our earlier flight to Atlanta and Monroe.

We are hoping to see everybody again next year, everyone, not only the Jubilarians.

It is tentatively in San Francisco and God bless you all....

gained by watching movies like *Omen*. Looking at our Gospel story from Luke, we learn that the *demons* that Jesus confronts have three things in common: they cause self-destructive behavior in the victim; the victim feels trapped in that condition; and they separate the victim from normal living in the family circle.

When seen from that perspective, I submit that many of us suffer from the same kind of snares and burdens. If we define *demons* as those forces which have captured us and prevented us from becoming what God intends for us to be, our demons can be of many kinds: mental illness, schizophrenia, paranoia, addictions, obsessions, destructive habits, and so on.

This vignette in the Gospel of Luke relates how Jesus exorcises the demons from one so possessed. We accept Jesus as someone with the authority to drive demons out of a person. Having said all this, there is much more to learn from the story of the Gerasene demoniac.

First and foremost is that he could very well represent a physical, mental and spiritual state that each of us suffer from and the transformation that he goes through may be the desired outcome of driving away those demons.

Let us begin with the setting in which the story occurs. Jesus is crossing over the Sea of Galilee to the land of the Gerasenes. The land of the Gerasenes is the land of Gentiles and no self-respecting Jewish rabbi would dare take his band of followers there.

FAITH CORNER

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People do not ordinarily experience demons as described in the Gospels.



REV MELVIN
ANTONIO MD

Our knowledge of exorcism is commonly

When he gets there, he is immediately confronted by a man who is actually more than possessed – the man is thoroughly occupied by demons. He is not possessed by just one unclean spirit but a horde of them, a legion.

He has no name. His identity is completely taken over by what he is captive to. He is totally cut off from family and society. He lived in caves that were used as places to bury the dead.

In the same story found in the Gospel of Mark, we see that he has been restrained by others because of his erratic behavior. The demons within give him superhuman strength that even chains could not hold him anymore (**Mark 5:1-20**). He was so totally possessed that though the demons within him recognized Jesus as *Son of the Most High God*, the man could not free himself. It takes the divine hand of Jesus to free the possessed man from bondage.

The story itself does not tell us everything that we need to know. It does not tell us why Jesus allows the demonic spirits to negotiate their future. Why not just send them to the abyss of which they were afraid?

The story does not tell us how Jesus saves the swineherds whose livelihoods he all but destroyed.

Like all other Gospel stories, there is a point to all this madness. The story is set in Gerasa which had become famous as the location of a Jewish revolt brutally suppressed by the Romans in 67 AD. The Roman general, Lucius Annus, slaughtered 1000 rebels then destroyed the

town and surrounding villages. The demoniac is called by the Latin name *Legion* referring to a company of up to 6,000 soldiers.

The demons' preference for pigs has something to do with the negative association in Judaism. The association of a Roman legion with a herd of pigs was a priceless piece of irony. The Gospel identifies Roman power with the supernatural powers that are behind all systems of violent oppression.

In today's terms, we would refer a person possessed by demons immediately for treatment of mental illness, but in the Gospel story, demon possession is a symbol of the oppression of one culture by another.

The personal exorcism of the demoniac becomes symbolic of corporate liberation from oppression. The exorcism breaks the spell that keeps the individual dependent upon a dominant power. As we hear the hooves of the pigs clicking toward the sea, the message is that even the power of Rome will ultimately be no match for the liberating power of God in Christ.

We live in a culture, that seeks to overpower us with a sense of need, a sense of lacking something that is desirable. In terms of the more serious demons, the message of the Gospel is that the power of God can be called upon for healing.

The final message in this Gospel story is in the ending. It is expected that Jesus would be chased out of town because after all, he totally ruined the

pig industry by making the demons enter into a herd of swine that then rushed down a cliff into the lake to drown. If he could do that, what else is he capable of? Get him out of here!

Now the man from whom the demons had gone begged Jesus that he might follow him, but Jesus sent him away. To do what? *To declare how much God has done for you*, Jesus says.

That is the key message that we should get from this whole episode. When we are healed of whatever we suffer from, we are not only to become followers of Jesus but proclaimers of the Gospel as well. His instruction to the man from whom he drove out many demons does not mean for us to leave our homes. Jesus tells us, *Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you*. After all, ministry always begins at home.

With regards to demon possession, I can tell you about psychosocial demons that may reside in any individual. The question is, are there any true cases of spiritual demon possession such as what we read in the Bible? The answer is yes.

There are many documented cases of behavior that cannot be attributed to the many psychiatric conditions known to science. These conditions are not amenable to our current therapeutic methods and are regarded as behavior under demonic influence. This will take a more detailed discussion at a later date. It is enough for us to know that there are people who are gifted with the ability to drive out demons. Most belong to a ministry of healing

through prayer.

Healing of the demonized can be a long and involved process that may require one individual in prayer, supported by others. It is not witchcraft, it is not voodoo. This ministry does not override medical science. It is firmly based on scripture. It freely submits that Christ is the healer and the common active ingredient is the Holy Spirit.

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it should be on a national scale, not be held only in certain areas in Mindanao.

Everybody in the country has a stake in the BBL.

Under the Bangsamoro bill, a block grant equivalent to 4% of

the net internal revenue of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, minus the internal revenue allotments of local government units shall be automatically appropriated to the Bangsamoro region yearly.

The simple arithmetic is this: The target collection of the BIR this year is P17,000,000,000,000 and 4% of this is P68,000,000,000, which will automatically be allocated to the Bangsamoro under the peace agreement. The Bangsamoro Basic Law raises serious questions of accountability.

What the BBL provides for is partial fiscal autonomy. The Bangsamoro is allowed to

budget as it wishes but much of the financing will come from the Filipino people.

The primary loyalty of Muslims is to their Datu who is probably head of their clan. This is why the MILF cannot even control their own men or even their commanders who are often in conflict with each other because of clan feuds.

The MILF is trying to con us that there will be peace in Mindanao under their watch. Here's the question. What happens to the BIFF, Abu Sayaf, MNLF, and other armed groups of terrorists? Do we trust the Bangsamoro police or military will run after them in case they commit crimes in surrounding Christian provinces? These terrorists might be their relatives or members of their clan. Once the Bangsamoro is given their own enclave the terrorists will use this territory as their protected lairs.

Check this out: GMA News Online, Cagayan de Oro Representative Rufus Rodriguez confirmed the P27,000,000,000 annual block grant for the Bangsamoro region is a lump sum fund whose use will be at the discretion of the Bangsamoro parliamentary government.

The government's P75,000,000,000 lumps sum for the Bangsamoro for the first year alone would mean on per capita basis the government will spend on the five million Muslims possibly four to five times what the government will spend on the Pilipinos many of who are dying of hunger in several parts of the country.

Considering the billion of pesos to be allocated by Philippine government in support of the peace treaty is an enormous amount of money. It has been stated in media report the Philippine government spent some 73 billion pesos to finance the government forces in the combat operation against the secessionist MNLF from 1970 to 1996.

Compare these expenses to the Bangsamoro Bill as stated above. A tremendous difference. Critics of the BBL are accusing the Aquino administration of spoiling the MILF through the Bangsamoro Government, once established, with a financial windfall.

The Muslims will pay little or no taxes, so the Christians will bear all the costs. There is also a stipulation that upon signing the agreement, the Bangsamoro will immediately receive P7,000,000,000 plus P2,000,000,000 a year for the next five years.

There is also a stipulation that the Bangsamoro can secure local and foreign loans both from local and foreign sources and the Philippine government is required to work for the approval of a sovereign guarantee from the Central Bank of the Philippines. This means the Central Bank will guarantee the loans incurred by the Bangsamoro.

The Bangsamoro has no means to repay these loans and so the Central Bank will end up paying them. This is like the **behest loans** during the time of Marcos, which **bankrupted** the Central Bank. These Moro loans could spark an economic crisis in the Philippines.



CESARD
CANDARI MD

The Philippine government will not be allowed to check where all the money they give to the autonomous government since Bangsamoro will have their own Commission on Audit. The Bangsamoro can buy a lot of arms with all these billions or the money can end up in the pockets of the officials of the Bangsamoro, which will make them instant billionaires.

Aside from the block grant, the other sources of funds for the Bangsamoro government, as stated in the Annex on Revenue Generation and Wealth Sharing of the BBL, are as follows:

Taxes and revenue generation already devolved to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). In addition to these taxing powers, the Bangsamoro will also have the power to levy capital gains tax, documentary stamp tax, and estate tax, where all taxable elements are within the Bangsamoro.

It will have the power to levy fees and charges. The Bangsamoro may receive grants from donors, and such grants will be received by the entity directly.

It will have the authority to contract loans, credits and other forms of indebtedness with any government or private bank and other lending institutions.

Another part of the BBL that we should be very concerned about is the opt-in provision. The core territory of the ARMM comprises the provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao.

However, 15 provinces may still be covered under the opt-in provision to be part of

Bangsamoro. It only require 10% of the population of any government unit's population to petition and join the Bangsamoro government.

This is Aquino's idea of a democracy, the minority rules. He is assuring the accelerated spread of the Bangsamoro. To top it, all at the expense of the Philippine government.

The national government and the Bangsamoro will share government revenues in the following manner:

75% (Bangsamoro,; 25% (national government) - national taxes, fees and charges collected by the national government within the Bangsamoro. These national taxes include income taxes, VAT and other percentage taxes, but exclude tariff and custom duties.

100% of the revenues for non-metallic minerals will be for the Bangsamoro.

75% (Bangsamoro), 25% (national government) for metallic minerals.

50-50 sharing for fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, coal) and uranium.

Here's a serious note. *In his column in Business World, former DILG Secretary Raffy Alunan revealed that in 1995 President Fidel V Ramos sent him to Pakistan to meet with then Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and her Interior Minister. Bhutto told him that MILF founder Hashim Salamat has direct links with Osama bin Laden.*

The Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), which many considered a part of the MILF, had declared foreign preachers of the Islamic

State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) have begun arriving in Mindanao and Sulu to seek alliance with them and other extremist groups. A top official of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) confirmed this.

Former president, defense secretary and armed forces chief Fidel Ramos said recently that *at least 100 of our young Filipino Muslims have already infiltrated Iraq to undergo training to return and be jihadists or militants.*

If the government signs a peace treaty with the MILF, we might find out that we will have an ISIS enclave in this country.

The peace agreement affects all of us specially the country's peace and order and even the economic stability of the Philippines. This means that any of these 10 provinces may still be subject to a future plebiscite upon filing a petition of at least 10% of the registered voters of the particular local government unit.

Muslim countries and Malaysia probably finance the MILF. Iqbal and Esmail of MILF are suspects to be Malaysian citizens. If found to be true, one cannot discount the possibility that Marwan probably came to the Philippines with some Malaysians who may have joined the MILF fighters. Who knows?

It appears they now wish the Philippine government to finance their terroristic activities. The money they will be getting from the Philippine government under this proposed peace agreement is probably more than a 100 times what they are getting right now from

the Muslim countries.

In summary, I quote columnist Val G Abelgas in his recent opinion in Global Balita: *Indeed the BBL has the political obstacles, the constitutional infirmities, the risks, the threats to the nation's sovereignty, and the danger of an even bigger war in Mindanao.*

Bottom line, we are Pilipinos and we must follow the Philippine constitution.

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benevolent paternalistic leader but with iron will and determination.

As Winston Churchill said in 1939-1940, (with Adolf Hitler wanting more land and to avenge the tragedy of the Treaty of

Versailles that imposed undue hardships and loss of land of Germany in the aftermath World War I) *I see a gathering storm... that would lead to war.*

England then Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain ignored him, hoping for peace with the Nazis, refused to arm England when Nazi Germany was building war machine in land, sea and air. Finally, when Hitler marched into Poland, Czech and Austria, Chamberlain declared war, but alas Britain was unprepared. Chamberlain woke up from his slumber and repeated denial of the gathering Nazi storm.



ANTONIO Q
CHAN MD

The desire for peace had put a halt to British armament. Churchill became Secretary of the Navy. In seven months, Chamberlain was out as prime minister and Churchill as the wartime prime minister, leading England to victory in four years.

Philippines also have no Churchill, and certainly I repeat... no Lee Kuan Yew. Pilipinos have no one to look up to for national salvation and hold the country together, for better and for worse.

There is a gathering storm that does not bode well for the young and old Pilipinos. It is a much different country when we left in 1968.

America itself is different from when we landed here in 1968, as young physicians full of promise and ambitions.

When America removes God from our daily life and enact laws that are dictatorial and forgot the Constitution of the founding fathers, it appears to be 1776 once again.

This time, instead of the occupying British, it is now the liberal socialists cloaked as Democrats vent on transforming America into present-day Europe with moral decay and economic stagnation, where young people are losing hope that their lives would be better tomorrow.

Despair ensues, with gloom and doom; and eventual economic collapse such as we are seeing in Greece today. Portugal and Italy are not too far behind. These countries have forgotten their Catholic and Christian roots, and the meaning of work and sacrifice.

I am the BBL

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Fifty-five percent of my people are poor because you sent us guns instead of plows.

Eighty percent of my youth are unschooled because you sent us bullets instead of pencils and papers.

Our farms are idle because you sent soldiers to kill us instead of carabaos to help us.

A handful of us went to far distant colleges and came home out of touch of our way of life.

Yes, my life is burdened and hardened, not of my own making but imposed by unscrupulous people.

I was borne by the children, brothers, sisters, mothers, husbands and wives of dead men who tried to depend my family and home.

I seek no revenge but to correct injustices to my people, to regain my cultural heritage, to reclaim my land lost to the tyranny of Torrens Titles and eventually participate in the development of my natural resources.

I need nothing from you but understanding. I only claim what the constitution offers me --- autonomy not cessation.

You asked us to vote for ourselves. Indeed five provinces and four cities expressed the desire to be autonomous with reserved, concurrent and exclusive powers as provided by my draft.



NAPOLÉON
ABANDO MD

I have neither power nor desire to be independent. I believed in the subsidiary but asymmetrical relationship under the *parens patriae* concept.

I was born out of the minds of our legal luminaries, historians, diplomats, Christian, Muslim leaders and highly motivated educators.

I percolated from multiple pleas, ideals and plans enmeshed by biases and prejudices.

I am the culmination of multiple agreements from the Tripoli of 1976, the 1987 constitutional formation of ARMM, the Djakarta. Agreement to the ill fated MOA-AD and penultimately the *failed experiment* ARMM.

I am based on the peace agreements of the Fundamental Agreement of Bangsamoro and the Comprehensive Agreement of Bangsamoro.

Now I am wiser with these agreements trying to be part of the Pilipino Society. I said, to be part and not depart from the constitution that so far has failed to shelter and protect me.

Constitutional experts, Christian and Muslim leaders scrutinized me thoroughly.

I am the eighth and soon the ninth version of me when the Senate is done. I know I have imperfections. That is why I submit myself to the legislators trusting in their wisdom to find solutions to this *Moro Problem*.

I ask for understanding accorded by the social conscience and *spirit* of our constitution.

Do not discard but

strengthen me with your correction.

Make me a meaningful instrument of unity not instrument to divide the country.

You tried to civilize by colonizing me. The Spaniards tried but failed to christianized me. The Americans succeeded to conquer me by their superior weaponry. I fought the Japanese Army with my *Bolo Batallion*. The Americans sent Pilipino Catholics as their *little brown brothers* to educate me without relevancy to my way of life.

I want to live side by side with my neighbors who are Christian, non-Muslim *lumads* and fellow Muslims in perfect harmony, that someday I will be able understand the true meaning of *Silent Night*.

I want to hear the ringing of school bells not the sputtering of guns.

I want to smell the chocolate aroma instead of the stink of gunpowder.

I am tired and weary of running and evacuating. I want to unpack my personal things for good and stay put in my ancestral home.

I love to see children playing, laughing and not worry of gunshot, bomb and mortar shells.

I want to be a Pilipino like you. Yes diversity is the hallmark of a Pilipino. Accept me for who I am, not what you want me to be.

Help me understand why those men whose stakes are high want me, but men whose lives are as distant to us like the moon are prone to disagree and crush us.

Eighty seven percent of you rejects without knowing me. Yes, we can travel together holding hands peacefully on this new journey, the BBL Way.

This road will not be pretty but thorny. It is by far the only road away from the state of belligerency and unending wars.

This road to peace and economic progress is in the hands of our legislators.

Help me convince them that I am the only way.

FROM THE HOME FRONT

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to the FEUDNRSMAF officers, so if anyone is interested to review it, please contact them.

Here are just some highlights:

VISION 2015.

The FEU-NRMF envisions itself to be a world-class academic and training institution providing excellent health care services.



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TAMESIS MD

MISSION. The FEU-NRMF commits to develop competent and compassionate professionals adhering to the highest level of global standards in health care, education and research.

CORE VALUES.

Fidelity, excellence, universality, nationalistic, responsible, morally-upright, and family-oriented.

GOALS. 1 - Attain local and international recognition as

center of excellence in education, service and research.

2 - Participate actively in health advocacy and community services.

3 - Provide opportunities to meet the needs of socio-economically disadvantaged sectors of society.

4 - Provide accessible and comprehensive health care services.

5 - Develop critical thinkers and life-long learners.

6 - Cultivate leadership qualities in students, faculty and staff.

7 - Promote inter-professional collaboration.

8 - Integrate modern technology in education, health service and research.

9 - Manage efficiently and ethically the institution's human, financial, physical and

technological resources.

10 - Instill loyalty to the Foundation.

PRESIDENT's Message

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productive because issues regarding our Alumni Foundation scholars, young graduates migrating to the United States and the FEU-NRMF medical board exam results were discussed. Atty Antonio Abad, FEU-NRMF president, and Dean Linda Tamesis MD, provided us inspiring and enlightening



MANUEL M
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reports of our Alma Mater.

The Filipiniana night was attended by 260 alumni and guests, all dressed in elegant Pilipino *barong* and Pilipina dresses to honor the Jubilarian Class⁷⁰, Class⁷⁵, Class⁸⁵, Class⁹⁵, Class²⁰⁰⁰ and Class²⁰⁰⁵.

To match with the evening theme, Dr Hernani Tansuche and I welcomed our guest in Tagalog. The Jubilarians presented line dances and songs.

The grand dinner dance attracted 300 alumni and guests dress in black-tie to honor the Golden Jubilarians Class⁶⁵, Silver Jubilarians Class⁹⁰ and the Emerald Jubilarians Class⁶⁰.

Unlike in previous years, there were 20 Silver Jubilarians and 40 Golden Jubilarians and 10 Emerald Jubilarians.

Each Jubilarian was presented with FEU-NRMF Class medal by our guest of honor Atty Abad, Dean Tameisis and Mr K Reyes, and assisted by Dr Oscar Tuazon and myself.

Dr Nick Sanez *wannabe* Elvis Presley was as closed as it could be as the King, and captivated everyone in the audience.

The luckiest alumnus that evening was Dr Melinda Fabito who was the most outstanding Golden Jubilarian and the sole winner of this year's raffle.

Dr Daisy Ramos, chairperson of the annual fund raising announced that our Alumni Foundation netted over \$9,000 from the proceeds of the raffles.

PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION FEBRUARY (IRREGULAR)

YEAR	NATIONAL	FEU-NRMF	1 ST TIME	2 ND TIME
2014	52.15 %	76.92 %	81.16 %	44.44 %
2015	71.93 %	93.64 %	98.92 %	64.71 %

DONATIONS FOR THE NEW BUILDING

Star donor P 100,000 \$ 2,000

Tree donor

Bronze P 10,000 \$ 250

Silver P 20,000 \$ 500

Gold P 50,000 \$ 1,000

The music from the Bohol Band was excellent that our alumni and guests danced until closing.

The Sunday healing mass was officiated by Fr Joey Fallier, that touched everyone.

The 36th annual reunion would be remembered as one of the most successful and productive in recent years.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment by Drs Danny Fabito, overall convention chair, M Fabito, Grace Averilla-Obena, Art Basa, Cesar V Reyes, Pete Floresco, and everyone who assisted in the success of this convention.

Likewise, thanks to the CME speakers, lecurers, moderators and all who came to this reunion.

To those who did not make it to Las Vegas this year, please join us next year in San Francisco, around mid-July 2016.

MANUEL A MALICAY MD⁷²

WEAR FLOWERS ON YOUR HAIR NEXT JULY

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people from the FEUDNRSM

Alumni Foundation group, the FEUDNRSM AF Nevada Chapter, who helped with the choir and presentation,

Dr Cesar V

Reyes who invited the best lecturers for the continuing medical education seminar, who updated our



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the best lecturers for the continuing medical education seminar, who updated our

knowledge, and the guest speakers from the Philippines who graced the occasion, like Dean/ Dr Linda Tamesis, Dr Ravel Bartolome, Atty Antonio Abad and FEU-NRMF board trustess Mr Kit Reyes.

Likewise, many thanks to our Alumni Foundation president Dr Manuel Malicay, and board chairman Dr Oscar Tuazon, and my fellow board trustees.

For everybody that I forgot to mention, much heartfelt thanks for all that you did.

Let me congratulate Dr Melinda Fabito who voted as the alumnus of the year 2015.

Dr Melinda and Danny Fabito did the most difficult job of putting this back-to-back conventions (2014 and this year) here in Las Vegas NV.

It was not easy to handle and huggle with the cost/ prices at Caesar's Palace; but they did their best in making this a wonderful one.

Kudos to the Fabitos.

People seemed to enjoy Las Vegas. I was told of somebody who won big in the slots (*wala bang balato?*); and some enjoyed the sumptous buffets and did hotel hopping. I saw some alumni who really enjoyed the forum shop and did a lot of shopping.

The performances of the different Class presentations were great.

The funniest and most enjoyable would say wa the Ruby Jubilarians. I have never seen doctors dressed up in colorful tutus.

I also would like to thank Dr Arnel Garcia as our dance instructor for the Pearl Jubilee celebrants (Class⁸⁵ alumni),

who taught us the dance steps via the Facebook.

The Silver and the Golden Jubilarians did outstanding as well.

I would like to share what my classmate Dr Bong Kong had said in his recent email,

Our get together was priceless.

It was not just the dressing up and sitting down but we were able to relive our days in medical school, sharing, crying and laughing as if we were young once again and acting like the good old days.

It was not just a celebration of an anniversary, but a celebration of long lasting friendship.

Let me end by saying not only for our classmates but for everybody, please do not make this an end but rather a beginning.

I am calling for the younger generations of fellow alumni to join in these reunions every year and support our FEU-NRMF school, and FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation.

I know everybody has hectic schedules, but I hope some where there in your heart you can find a burning desire to be active with our Alumni Foundation.

We will see you in San Francisco next year and *be sure to wear flowers in your hair!*



BALIK-FEU, January 2016



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41st ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION

GOLDEN & SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

January 20-23, 2016

Dr. Ricardo L. Alfonso Hall,
5th floor, FEU-NRMF Medical Center
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and

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January 23, 2016 (Saturday)

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Quezon City

Honorees

Class '66 (Golden Jubilee)
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Class '75 (Ruby Jubilee)
Class '80 (Coral Jubilee)
Class '85 (Pearl Jubilee)

Class '90 (Silver Jubilee)
Class '95 (20th Anniversary)
Class '2000 (15th Anniversary)
Class '2005 (10th Anniversary)
Class '2010 (5th Anniversary)

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 20 - Golf Tournament

JANUARY 21 - Registration

Thanksgiving mass

Opening of exhibits

Breakfast

38th Dr. Lauro H. Panganiban Memorial Lecture

Luncheon Symposium

5th flr. Dr. Ricardo L. Alfonso Hall

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PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION in CHICAGO

55th anniversary scientific seminar induction and dinner dance

Saturday, September 12, 2015
Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont IL

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (to be approved by the CME Committee)

8:00 am – 8:45 am	<i>ClinicoPathologic Conference on metal-related liver disease</i> MANUEL A MALICAY MD
8:45 am – 9:15 am	<i>Hemosiderosis</i> GINA GUZMAN MD
9:15 am – 9:45 am	<i>Zinc and metal-related neurologic disorders</i> HENRY ECHIVERRI MD
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break for coffee, pharmaceutical and commercial displays
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<i>Metal-related diabetes mellitus</i> NUNILO G RUBIO MD
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<i>Metal-related pulmonary fibrosis</i> RAVI NEMIVANT MD
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	<i>Eighth annual PMAC Professorial lecture</i> <i>Metal-related congestive heart failure</i> BENJAMIN LUMICAO MD Associate professor of medicine and cardiology Northwestern University Medical School

6:00 pm – midnight 55th **PMAC** anniversary and 49th **PMAC Foundation**
Auxiliary anniversary Induction dinner dance

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